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**TWO SACRAMENTO MEN INDICTED ON IDENTITY THEFT CHARGES**

SACRAMENTO -- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a seven count indictment charging DARRON REED and DERRICK CHASE, both of Sacramento, with Making False Statements in Loan Applications, Conspiring to Make False Statements in Loan Applications, and Aggravated Identity Theft.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the West Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Philip Ferrari, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that REED and CHASE obtained names, addresses, dates of birth and social security numbers of various victims and used that information to apply for financing the purchases of three vehicles and one wave runner, with an aggregate value exceeding \$100,000.

The maximum statutory penalty for the most serious charge, Making a False Statement in a Loan Application (18 U.S.C. § 1014) is a 30 year term of imprisonment and a one million dollar fine. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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